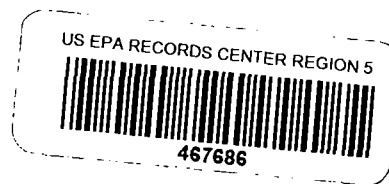


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**Re: Request For Extension Of Time To Respond to U.S. EPA Comments to the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report
Chemical Recovery Systems (CRS), Inc.**

Dear Ms. Massenburg and Mr. Nash:


On March 10, 2005, the Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc. Site Group (the "Group") received via email U.S. EPA's Comments to the Draft RI/FS Report, Revision 0, October and November 2004. Pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent, the Group is required to address these comments by amending and submitting to U.S. EPA a revised report within 30 days of receiving U.S. EPA's comments (*i.e.* by April 9, 2005).

As you may have anticipated, it will take the Group longer than 30 days to respond fully to U.S. EPA's extensive comments, which included requests for additional field work. The Group is confident that an extension to the 30 day deadline will be required, but is not yet certain of the length of the extension that will be necessary. The Group has scheduled a call with its consultants, who are assisting in the preparation of the Group's response, for April 8, 2005, and will be in a position to provide U.S. EPA with a request for extension of specific duration either that day or early the next week.

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If you have any immediate questions, or if you believe that U.S. EPA will be unwilling to grant an extension, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug McWilliams/cr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Douglas A. McWilliams
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CRS Site Group